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To; defendants & attorneys (please pass round table)

From: norma

Attached is the sheet given to the press this morning.

If we are on the steps, (rather than in a room), we are in a situation which I cannot structure, therefore, in order to not lose control of the press conference, and thereby run the risk of not covering all the subjects we want to cover, I suggest the following procedure:

- 1) Leonard will talk about items (a) and (b) and invite questions.
- 2) Leonard will introduce Dan & Tony.
- 3) Dan and Tony will read their prepared statements, then expand on the statements, introducing the subject of the negotiation volumes in that context.
- 4) Dan and Tony will invite questions, including Lenny and other attorneys in the procedure.

ELLSBERG-RUSSO DEFENSE

Wed., Dec. 20, 1972

Memo to the press

Dr. Ellsberg, Mr. Russo and the attorneys for the defense would like to talk with the press at the beginning of noon recess today about the following subjects:

a) the question of why the Government should not stop wiretapping, at least until this case is concluded, so as not to interfere with the defense's right to prepare its case;

b) the defense's request for immediate temporary injunctive relief against further telephone company record solicitation on the part of the Government, and the Government's investigation of prospective defense witnesses, (see attached document, filed Tuesday, December 19, 1972);

c) the air war in Vietnam - an unfolding of the "pressures planning" conceived almost a decade ago and documented in the Pentagon Papers.

(We'll see you on the front steps, unless we get lucky and they give us a room.)

Thank you,

Norma Whittaker
Rita Martinson.